

Anchorage ROW Trespass Mitigation and Public Safety

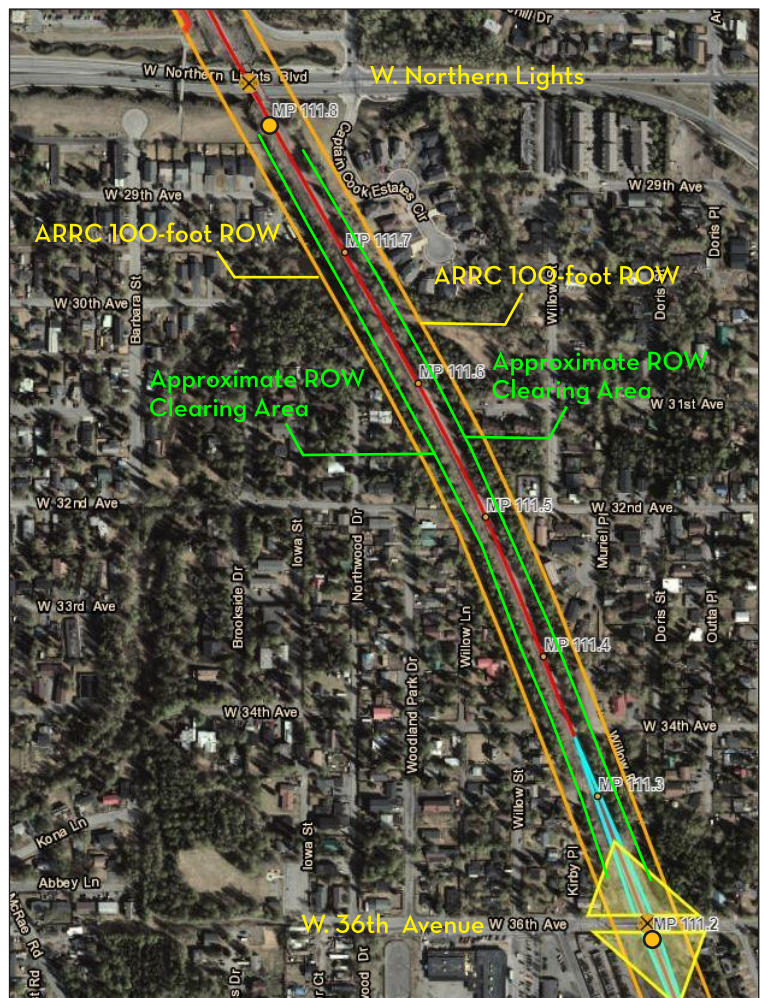
Between ARRC MP 111.2 (at the 36th Avenue crossing) and MP 111.8 (near the Northern Lights Boulevard crossing)

Project Purpose & Scope

The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) plans clearing improvements along a stretch of railroad right-of-way (ROW) in Anchorage to reduce ongoing trespass issues, and to enhance public and railroad employee safety.

The project calls for about 10 acres of tree removal along the ROW, from ARRC Milepost (MP) 111.2 (the railroad crossing at 36th Avenue) to MP 111.8 (just south of the railroad crossing over Northern Lights Boulevard). Located near the Muriel Park Neighborhood in West Anchorage, this segment of track has had a history of numerous track safety violations that stem from unauthorized and heavy foot traffic, as evidenced by well-established footpaths reaching over the tracks. The project is designed to discourage trespass along the track and the surrounding residential area.

Recently, some older trees (mostly cottonwood) have fallen onto the track, stopping train traffic and compromising safe railroad operations. The project aims to mitigate these incidents.



The project corridor is adjacent to the Muriel Park neighborhood.

Project Benefits

This project will benefit homeowners along the ROW, the adjacent neighborhood and the railroad's public safety goals. Benefits include:

- Clearing will make the area easier to observe. Greater observation will:
 - help to enforce a ban on dangerous and illegal camping

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- lower the potential for trespass
- discourage mischievous, hazardous behaviors
- Clearing will remove older trees that are more likely to fall, reducing the risk of operational disruptions.

Status

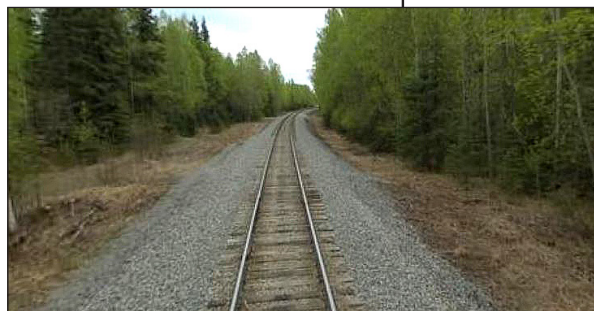
This project continues a similar project completed in spring 2020, when fencing and clearing occurred along a

stretch of track (ARRC MP 111.9 to 112.14) just north of Northern Lights Boulevard.

For the stretch along MP 111.2 to 111.8, clearing limits have been determined and marked. Clearing is scheduled to begin in fall 2020. Duration will be about two weeks.

Funding

- The project is funded 100% by the Alaska Railroad.



Project Area Map

